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PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER PRODUCED WITH THE METHOD

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 19, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including figures explaining a difference between the claimed subject matter and the cited prior art is attached.